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CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS AND
TRAINING AREA
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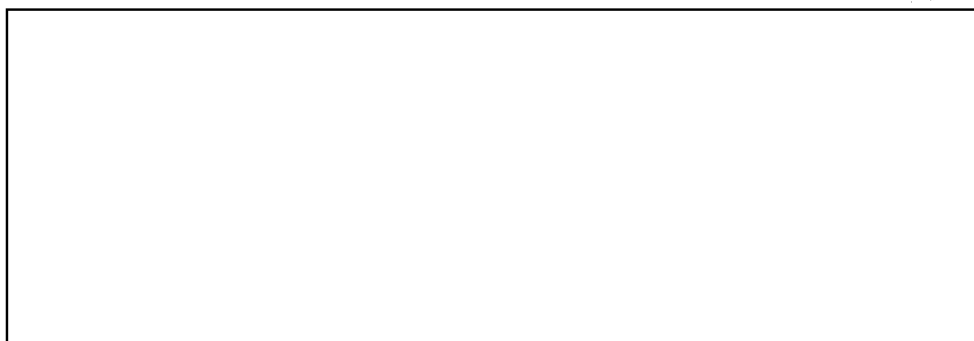
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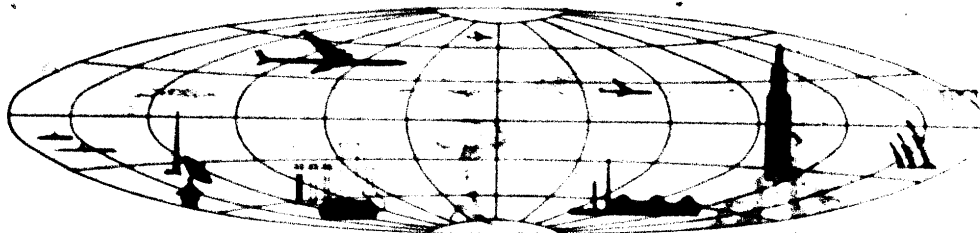


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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA

(52-05N 113-29E)

CHITA, CHITINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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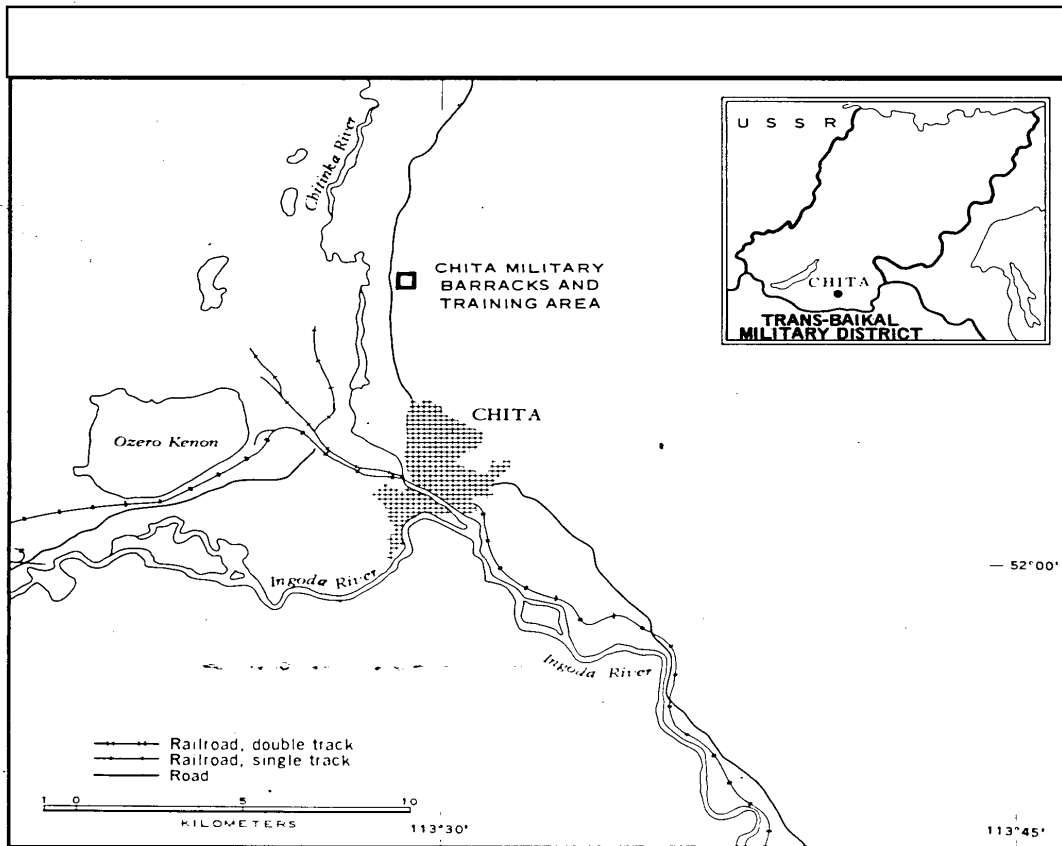


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA.

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SUMMARY

The Chita Military Barracks and Training Area is located on the northeast edge of Chita (52-05N 113-29E) on high ground east of the Chitinka River Valley (Figure 1). The installation is served by a probable loose-surface secondary road.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 850 acres and consists of two billeting facilities and a firing range with an impact area. It contains 21 barracks, three probable barracks, five administrative/barracks, 10 support, five possible ammunition/explosives storage buildings, and a second possible explosives storage area with four buildings.

Comparative photography [] indicated the presence of barracks in Area D1.

Coverage [] indicated five possible barracks foundations in the main billeting area (D1).

The associated firing range area contains four probable small arms ranges and two flat trajectory, moving target, probable anti-tank ranges. There is no indication of tracked-vehicle training. Both the billeting areas and the training facilities appeared active on the last available clear summer photography []

[] indicated a very low level of occupancy in the support/billeting area and no identifiable training activity. A more recent comparison of seasonal activity is precluded by weather conditions on available photography.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The nearest rail access is 2 kilometers (km) southwest.

Road Service

The installation is served by a probable loose-surface, secondary road which connects with the Chita primary road network.

Aircraft Landing Strips

The nearest aircraft facilities are the Chita Northwest Airfield (52-04N 113-26E) and the Chita Airfield (52-06N 113-29E).

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 21 barracks, five additional possible barracks foundations, four administrative/barracks, and two support/

storage buildings. Five probable barracks appear to have been removed [] Comparative photography indicates no recent winter occupancy.

Area D2 contains one barracks/administrative, three probable barracks, and eight support buildings. This is probably the administrative/billeting and support area for the installation. Coverage [] indicates a probable low level of occupancy.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 contains five unrevetted buildings, one approximately 125 by 50 feet, one approximately 50 by 50 feet, and three approximately 50 by 30 feet. The area, enclosed by a probable single security fence, is possibly for explosives or ammunition storage.

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FIGURE 2. CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA

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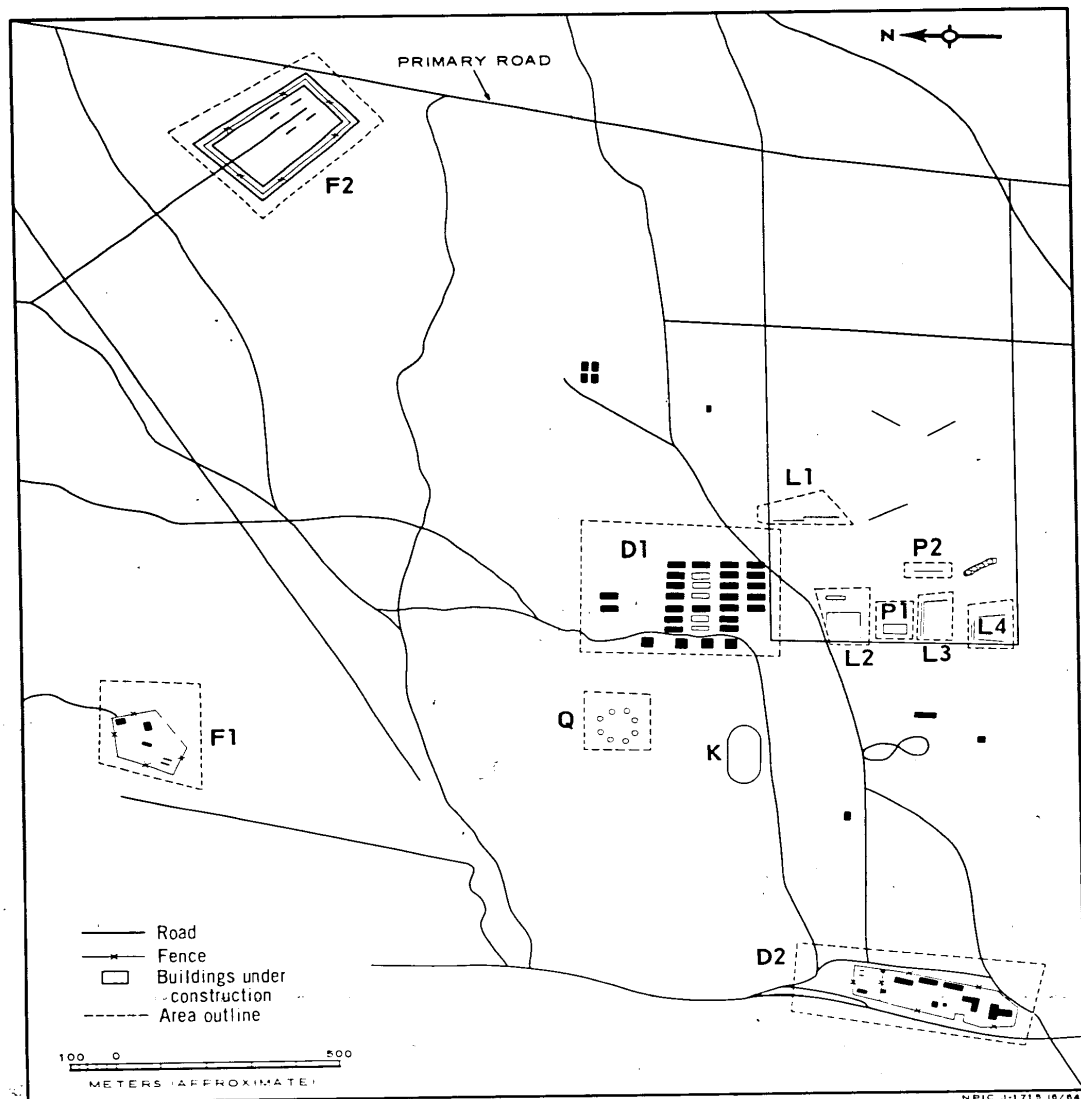


FIGURE 3. CHITA MILITARY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA. Sketch compiled

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Area F2, possibly double-secured, contains four approximately 80- by 25-foot unrevetted buildings. An undetermined number of buildings are partially obscured. Proximity to Chita Airfield and the apparent road access suggest a probable airfield support function.

Athletic Field

Area K, an athletic field, is located west of the main billeting area.

Small Arms Firing Ranges

Areas L1, L3, and L4 are probable small arms firing ranges 1,085 by 500 feet, 390 by 220 feet, and 300 by 280 feet, respectively.

Area L2 is a 235- by 220-foot possible AW range. All four ranges were active

Flat Trajectory Firing Ranges

Areas P1 and P2 are flat trajectory firing ranges with two diagonal moving targets. P1 is 1,085 and 2,000 feet long. P2 is 1,625 and 3,050 feet long. The ranges appeared active

The impact area shows extensive scarring which appeared to be concurrent with coverage

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q is an 8-gun probable AAA training site. It was unoccupied in

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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REQUIREMENT

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